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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 17, 1999

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990116

To implement Extended Local Service
from its Salem exchange to
its Montvale exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On June 24, 1999, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposes to notify its Salem exchange customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to expand their local service to include the Montvale exchange. The application states that telephone customers in the Montvale exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Salem. Using a cost study prepared by BA-VA, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Montvale local service area to include Salem. Customers in the Montvale exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to Salem. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Salem to the Montvale exchange. Because the resulting increase is solely due to regrouping, a poll of those customers is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered BA-VA's application, BA-VA's proposed notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that BA-VA should give notice to its customers in the Salem exchange of this application; and that those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990116.

(2) On or before October 15, 1999, BA-VA customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O.

Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUC990116.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of BA-VA's application also shall be furnished by BA-VA's customer service center.

(4) On or before September 15, 1999, BA-VA shall publish the following notice in the Salem exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange.

NOTICE THAT BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.,
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF
THE SALEM EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE THE
MONTVALE EXCHANGE, CASE NO. PUC990116

Telephone customers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.'s ("BA-VA"), Montvale exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to BA-VA's Salem exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 540-375, 378, 380, 384, 387, 389). Customers in the Montvale exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Salem exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Montvale exchange supported this expansion of local service.

Based on BA-VA's cost, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded

local service for Salem customers to call the Montvale exchange (telephone numbers beginning with 540-947). For expanded local calling to Montvale from Salem, monthly rates would increase as follows:

flat rate residential service, \$0.95;
residential message rate service, \$0.10;
residential measured rate service, \$0.00;
residential economy service, \$0.00; residential
exchange only service, \$0.00; business flat
rate service, \$3.83; business message rate
lines or trunks, -\$0.25 (decrease); business
measured rate lines or trunks, \$0.00; and flat
rate PBX trunks, \$6.91.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222; businesses should call 954-6888. Copies of BA-VA's application may be obtained by contacting the Company's customer service center at the telephone numbers listed above, or it may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC990116, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before October 15, 1999.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within the Salem exchange request a hearing;

otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

(5) On or before October 15, 1999, BA-VA shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within the Salem exchange request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

(7) On or before October 29, 1999, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the comments received.